

# Student Development

In keeping with the mission of Taylor University, the purpose of Student Development is to provide a life-changing student development program and services within a decidedly Christian residential community by caring for the needs of a diverse student body in ways that foster the holistic growth of each individual.

Student Development is committed to the following objectives:

- Provide the environment, resources, and programs that maximize the potential for Christian students to grow in their understanding and expression of their Christian faith.
- Provide programs that promote ethnic and cultural understanding.
- Provide professional counseling and healthcare services for students.
- Create a residence life program which encourages personal growth and fosters a living out of the Life Together Covenant.
- Provide safe, attractive, and comfortable housing facilities for students.
- Provide wellness programs, experiences, and information which help students to live healthy and balanced lives.
- Provide a campus community which is safe and secure for students.
- Provide orientation services that will aid students in their transition to Taylor University and college life.
- Enhance the overall educational experience of students through development of, exposure to, and participation in social, cultural, intellectual, recreational, athletic, and leadership programs.
- Assist students with career planning that will result in professional preparation for placement.
- Ensure a student body profile, both in numbers and quality, that is supportive of Taylor's strategic educational and institutional planning.

## Courses

### **SDV 215** **1 hour** **God's Call: Exploring a Theology of Vocation**

This course is designed to engage students from every discipline in understanding the concept of vocation within the liberal arts from a theological point of view. Through lectures and readings the course will provide a history of vocation along with different understandings and uses of the concept. *Offered fall semester.*

### **SDV 216** **1 hour** **Vocation: Living a Faithful Response**

This course is designed to engage students in a deeper understanding of vocation specifically through personal exploration and discovery of one's particular vocation as understood within the context of the Christian liberal arts. This course will build upon content from SDV 215. *Offered spring semester. Prerequisite: SDV 215.*

### **SDV 217** **1 hour** **Internships: Making the Most of Your Opportunity**

This course is designed to engage students from every discipline seeking to maximize their internship experience. Through lectures, networking sessions, and practical assignments rooted in best practice research, students will be better prepared to effectively seek and prepare for, participate in, and build upon a quality internship experience. *Offered fall semester for elective credit.*

### **SDV 218** **1 hour** **Transitions: Living a Good Life After College**

This fourth course in the Calling and Career Office's vocation sequence is designed to engage students from every discipline in understanding the concept of transitioning faithfully to life after Taylor. Through classroom discussions, interactive exercises, and curated readings, students will explore faithful living in five critical aspects of post-college life: spirituality, church, family, community, and work. Designed primarily for juniors and seniors, this course has no prerequisites and will help students develop a helpful answer to the question, "What are you going to do after college?"

### **SDV 250** **3 hours** **Promising Ventures: Innovation Immersion**

This course is designed to give students an introduction to some of the skills and cognitive frameworks necessary to analyze new venture ideas and implement a course of action toward creating something new. Course content will focus on collaborative activities and experiential learning through the Calling and Career Office. Students will have the opportunity to put to action every topic discussed with real-world projects from companies and organizations in the Promising Ventures Network. Organizations exist to solve problems and provide services, whether for profit or not-for-profit, so this course is open to every major and all students are encouraged to apply, including those interested in starting or working in not-for-profit organizations. *Offered January interterm.*

### **SDV 252** **1 hour** **Developmental Processes in Leadership**

Designed to provide theoretical foundations and experiential opportunities structured toward personal growth and organizational effectiveness. Strongly recommended for all students interested in on-campus leadership positions. *Not available for audit (AUD) credit. Offered January interterm and spring semester.*

### **SDV 352** **1 hour** **Student Development Seminar**

Designed to provide instruction and study in topics relevant to specific student leadership positions on campus. *Prerequisite: SDV 252 or permission of instructor. Offered spring semester.*

## Calling and Career

The Calling and Career Office, located in the LaRita R. Boren Campus Center, connects students to people and experiences that equip them to live a faithful response to God's call. Staff members assist students in exploring how their values, interests, personality, and skills connect to potential career paths and assist students in creating a plan to achieve their goals. The staff reviews resumes and cover letters, prepares students for professional interviews, conducts workshops, and facilitates networking opportunities to connect students with alumni and employers.

Taylor's calling and career resources are available to serve students, faculty, and alumni. Resources include self-assessment tools, online resources, books, graduate school information, and employer and alumni contact information. The Calling and Career Office utilizes both Strong Interest Inventory and StrengthsQuest assessments to assist students in identifying their passions and abilities. The CCO maintains online databases that connect students and alumni to current full-time, internship, and part-time positions. For information, contact the Calling and Career Office at (765) 998-5382.

## Campus Ministries

Campus Ministries is an integral part of Taylor's whole person education. The office of Campus Pastor oversees the chapel program and provides for the pastoral needs of the University. Chapel for the entire community is held three times a week during each semester as well as Interterm. Spiritual renewal weeks, as well as other special emphasis weeks, are featured throughout the year.

## Counseling Center

The Counseling Center offers students professional counseling services. Individual counseling, groups, workshops, and educational programs are available. Care is given to approach all of life in the context of a biblical worldview. The Counseling Center is located in the new Student Center. Students are seen by appointment, as well as on an emergency basis. Referrals can also be made to other qualified Christian professionals in the area. For more information or to set up an appointment, the Counseling Center can be contacted at [counselingcenter@taylor.edu](mailto:counselingcenter@taylor.edu) or at (765) 998-5222.

## Health Services

Marion General Hospital Physicians and Nurse Practitioners provide healthcare services, including some pharmacy and lab services exclusively for Taylor University students. The Taylor Student Health Center is located at 1809 S Main Street, across the street from campus. Students may use the Marion General Hospital emergency department for emergency care and urgent problems. Marion General will bill the student's insurance for after hour visits. Students may also use other healthcare providers if they choose.

A full-time student pays a health service fee each fall and spring semester and January interterm. This fee may be waived only if the student is married, a commuter from his or her parent's home, or studying away from campus. In order for this fee to be removed from the bill of an eligible student, a waiver must be obtained from the Bursar's Office and signed by the end of the second week of classes each semester. Health services are not available during summer sessions.

If a student has an illness that results in missed class and is treated by Health Services, he or she should obtain verification of the treatment by TU Health Services and provide this as documentation along with a request for an excused absence. For details, refer to **Class Attendance** on pages 22-23. Health Services will only provide documentation as to the treatment administered.

## Housing Information

Taylor University is a residential campus by design; therefore, each single undergraduate student must live in university-owned housing or with his or her parent or legal guardian in their home and commute from a distance of no greater than 50 miles. Students who have been admitted to Taylor University and have paid the \$200 matriculation deposit will receive a residence hall application from the Admissions Office. This material is to be completed and returned to the Admissions Office before housing assignments will be made. \$50 of the \$200 matriculation deposit serves as a housing deposit and is returned when the student leaves Taylor or cancels his or her acceptance; for additional details, refer to **Finance** on pages 213-214. Charges for damage to residence hall property and other university-administered facilities are deducted from this housing deposit.

In order to accommodate the entire student body, it is sometimes necessary to supplement campus residential facilities. Off-campus housing is considered overflow housing and is limited to the number of upperclassmen who cannot be accommodated in the residence halls. The number of students approved to live off campus is dependent on projected enrollment and retention. Because these figures change from year to year, an application and approval process has been established. Upperclassmen who have met the eligibility requirements are given the opportunity to apply (in February of a given year) to live off campus the following year. Students living off campus are expected to abide by both the biblical and Taylor University responsibilities outlined in the Life Together Covenant.

Married students and students over the age of 25 are automatically approved to live off campus. They must arrange to do so through the Center for Student Development, but may select housing that meets their particular needs.

## Intercultural Programs

The Office of Intercultural Programs (OIP) seeks to serve the needs of international students, minoritized students, and third culture and missionary kids at Taylor University. The OIP works to foster an intercultural and Christ like community by offering a welcoming environment that provides educational opportunities for students, staff, and faculty. We also seek to enrich the experience of Taylor's community by providing opportunities promoting cultural awareness and sensitivity to issues related to diversity. We are committed to providing an environment where (goals):

- We recognize the individual and corporate needs of international students, minoritized students, and third culture and missionary kids
- Servant leaders are being formed by Christ-centered and biblically anchored principles
- Students are assured support, as well as advocacy relative to their unique concerns
- OIP student groups receive support and are empowered through leadership opportunities
- Positive, respectful, and meaningful dialogue regarding issues of diversity is encouraged
- The recruitment, retention, and graduation of international, American ethnic, and missionary or third culture students is supported
- Students are being prepared for the future by engaging with a diverse community

As an office we house these student organizations:

- Asian Society for Intercultural Awareness (ASIA)
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- International Student Society (ISS)
- Latino Student Union (LSU)
- Middle Eastern Collegiate Association (MECA)
- Mu Kappa
- Multi-Ethnic Student Association (MESA)
- Voices of Praise Gospel Choir

## **Intramural Sports and Recreation Program**

The Intramural Sports and Recreation Program, coordinated by the Taylor Student Organization, provides a wide variety of activities for meeting the recreational and competitive needs of the entire Taylor student body. Team events include both a men's and a women's league for flag football, soccer, dodge ball, ultimate Frisbee, and basketball; coed leagues exist for volleyball and softball. Many other individual tournaments, such as wiffle ball, tennis, 3 on 3 basketball, and 4 on 4 sand volleyball are held throughout the year.

Taylor's Intramural Sports and Recreation Program has high participation rates. For example, flag football alone has more than 300 men and women participants each year. Residence hall competition has been the driving force behind these high numbers. Intramural sports serve as another venue for our community to holistically grow in worship of the Lord through fellowship, upright competition, and stewardship of the body, mind, and spirit.

## **Residence Life**

Taylor University is a residential campus with a strong emphasis on community living. The purpose of the Residence Life program is to provide safe, attractive, and comfortable physical facilities, structured educational programming, and an atmosphere conducive to unstructured learning experiences. In addition, Residence Life seeks to create an environment that fosters the basic values of Christian community. The residence halls serve as living-learning centers where students are challenged to grow and apply their faith through interaction with their neighbors. As living-learning centers, residence halls at Taylor are designed to fulfill two goals: the first is to provide a community living experience through which students are exposed to a variety of educational opportunities that transcend their chosen courses; second, they provide the resources and professional staff necessary to assist students in developing a high degree of self-direction and responsible citizenship.

There are nine residence halls and two University apartments housing over 1,700 students. The halls have different room and floor configurations, affording students the opportunity to choose a living environment that best suits them. Room assignments are made prior to the beginning of the fall term. Room and roommate preferences are honored within the limits of available space. The University reserves the right to assign rooms when deemed appropriate. Individual rooms are furnished with window coverings, beds, mattresses, desks, chairs, and dressers.

Each residence hall has a leadership team that includes personnel assistants, discipleship assistants, and representatives who serve on Student Senate. These student leaders are supervised by residence hall directors who work as educators, counselors, and members of Taylor University faculty.

## **Student Clubs**

Student clubs exist to provide a wide array of co-curricular experiences that meet social, academic, and practical needs of the Taylor University community. Club interests range from academic (e.g., Psychology, Social Work, Environmental Science, Art, German, and Pre-Med) to activity-oriented (e.g., Equestrian, Lacrosse). Students who have special interests not represented on campus are encouraged to seek club status through the Student Senate approval process.

## **Student Programs**

The Office of Student Programs at Taylor University provides dynamic student leadership experiences that cultivate faith, passion, and calling and service through relationships, learning, and excellent programs. The philosophy of our office is founded in the desire to develop thoughtful, Christ-centered leaders. Programs encourage whole-person student learning and are marked by educational out-of-the-class experiences that connect with and complement in-class experiences. Events build campus community through fun and meaningful activities that create a common context of experiences and values. Student leaders represent diverse needs and concerns to the Taylor University community and engage in collaborative efforts to address those issues. Our goal is to produce students who are equipped to engage the culture as passionate world-transformers according to their calling in Christ.

## **Taylor Student Organization**

The Director of Student Programs and the Student Body President provide the leadership for the Taylor Student Organization (TSO). Through innovative and educational opportunities, activities, and services, TSO addresses diverse student needs, encourages whole-person learning, and builds community. TSO is comprised of over 100 students serving in the following areas:

- Integration of Faith and Culture Programs
- Inter-class Council
- Intramural Sports and Recreation
- Leadership Programs Cabinet
- Office of Global Engagement
- Office of the Student Body President
- Student Activities Council
- Student Senate

## **Taylor University Police Department**

Taylor University Police Department provides a variety of services to the students, faculty, and staff of Taylor University. The University employs full- and part-time police officers and security officers to provide around-the-clock law enforcement and security services year round. As the chief law enforcement office for Taylor, the Chief of Police works in conjunction with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure a safe campus environment. Taylor University Police Department, located in the LaRita Boren Campus Center, also oversees the campus motor pool, lost and found, and identification card system, as well as the after-hours emergency telephone, motor vehicle registration, and parking programs. Taylor University complies with the *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990*.

## **Taylor World Outreach**

Taylor World Outreach (TWO) emphasizes practical experience in ministry and leadership. Six student-led departments are committed to leadership development, outreach, and service learning:

- Community Outreach
- Global Outreach
- Lighthouse (*sponsoring January Interterm mission trips*)
- Spring Break Missions
- World Opportunities Week
- Youth Conference